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SENATOR LAUTENBERG URGES TAXPAYERS TO CLAIM EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Up to 100,000 Tax Refunds Unclaimed in New Jersey Last Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. – With the upcoming tax filing dead-line quickly approaching on Thursday, April 15th, U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg urged taxpayers to visit http://www.lautenberg.senate.gov/taxes.html to learn more about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) that may return as much as \$5,000 when claimed on a tax return.

"If you made less than \$35,000 last year and you have a child, you could qualify for up to \$5,000 in extra tax refunds," said Senator Lautenberg. "All you have to do is claim the credit on your federal and state tax returns. Log on to my website to find out more ways you may be eligible for a larger tax refund."

Single taxpayers earning less than \$11,000 may also be able to claim the credit.

Free tax help can be found at IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance centers, or VITAs, across New Jersey. Taxpayers can find a VITA center near them by visiting http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation or by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.